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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Press Clip Project

1. Continued discussions on Press Clip Project. Talked with Messrs. [ ] Pforzheimer, [ ] and Mrs. [ ]

A summary of these discussions follows:

a. Generally concluded that the primary purpose behind the project is for security and/or CI purposes and that both the Office of Security and CI Staff [ ] would be the action units on information assembled in this project.

b. There is considerable difference of opinion where the central files should be established and maintained. [ ] felt that the project should be given to the users, i.e., Office of Security or CI Staff and that the present workload in Public Affairs is such that they are now just barely able to maintain an indexing and file operation on their current product. (He pointed out that they have a backlog of five months work on the new filing system.)

c. Office of Security felt that the logical place for this project would be in Public Affairs, since they are presently cranked up to process the bulk of this information and that by a minimum of additional help they could take on additional input from FDD and the DD/P. (Pforzheimer tends to agree with this position.) DD/P, as expected, is reluctant to take on this responsibility. However, they pointed out that they will have a continuing interest in the information produced from their more specialized CI objectives.

2. It is obvious that even the domestic press is not being adequately covered at present. Current coverage could be improved by the following methods:

a. Levying additional requirements on OCR Library for periodical and book reviews.

b. Providing assistance to [ ] in his review of the wire services, the 20 daily and 17 Sunday newspapers, and the 29 periodicals. [ ] suggests that we could use some of the personnel assigned to the O/DCI Security Staff to assist in this review.

c. Eliminate duplication of reviews. For example, Office of Security is now reviewing the Washington Post, the New York Times, the People's World and the West Coast Daily Worker, all of which are being reviewed by Public Affairs Staff and possibly others in the DD/F.

d. Levying additional requirements on [ ] for review of local papers in their areas. In the process we should assure, of course, that they do not duplicate the review presently being performed by Public Affairs.

3. There are obvious gaps in the review of foreign press and periodicals. There is much to be done to improve this coverage and crank it into a centralized system. For example, it appears that FDD take is being passed to DDP/CI (in fulfillment of a similar type requirement) but not being passed to PAS. CI take from their field stations is not being formally processed for passage to PAS, and it appears that there is nothing being done to review [ ] take for these purposes. Although we should not exclude foreign press from this project, it may be wise to defer action in this area until we have the system, procedures and capability of properly handling the domestic press.

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